

APPENDIX I



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

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The following concurrent resolution was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION creating a Task Force on Postsecondary Education.

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Policy Research Center report, "The Context of Change," found that "A high quality, fully integrated, 'seamless' system of education and training is almost universally regarded as the most potent antidote to poverty and low incomes and perhaps the only one that offers a long-term remedy"; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Commonwealth provide a system of postsecondary education that promotes retention and graduation; that provides students access to the courses of study necessary to complete their education in a timely manner; that enables students to have the flexibility to transfer course credit from different institutions based on comparable content, knowledge, and skills; and that fully prepares students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Commonwealth use its limited resources wisely and balance the need for student access to postsecondary education opportunities with the need to avoid unnecessary duplication; and

WHEREAS, it remains necessary that the Commonwealth allocate its resources to institutions in ways that promote instructional quality; and efforts to implement a meaningful system of performance funding have been ineffective, and efforts to improve the formula for funding higher education have not resulted in meaningful change; and

WHEREAS, the "Workforce Training Report," a Legislative Research Commission study of workforce training programs, found that the "organizational structure of Kentucky's postsecondary systems adds to the competitive practices and similarities in programming," that there is limited coordination among all postsecondary educational programming, and that there are resulting problems in duplication and the transfer of course credit; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Task Force for a Comprehensive Study of Higher Education recommended that a study of the feasibility of combining the functions, roles,

and structures of vocational-technical education and community colleges, as well as their interface with four-year universities, be conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby established a Task Force on Postsecondary
2 Education to develop recommendations and an implementation plan for a system of
3 postsecondary education in Kentucky that promotes quality instruction designed to
4 provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be competitive in a global
5 economy. Its membership shall include:

6 (a) Six (6) members appointed by the President of the Senate;

7 (b) Six (6) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 and

9 (c) Six (6) members appointed by the Governor.

10 The co-chairs shall be named by the Legislative Research Commission.

11 (2) The Task Force shall review the Council on Higher Education's Strategic Plan
12 for Kentucky Higher Education 1996-2000; the findings and recommendations from
13 recent studies of higher education; the current status of efforts relating to the creation of a
14 system of common course numbering; agreements to facilitate student transfer of credits;
15 the equity and adequacy of the funding formula; performance funding; and the governance
16 of higher education, community colleges, and vocational-technical education. The Task
17 Force shall determine whether the current efforts will enable more Kentuckians to
18 successfully complete postsecondary education and be prepared for the future.

19 (3) The Task Force shall be authorized to contract for consultant services.

20 Section 2. The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including
21 an implementation plan and timeline, with enabling legislation to the Governor and the
22 Legislative Research Commission no later than September 1, 1997.

1 Section 3. Staff services to be utilized in completing this study are estimated to cost
2 \$30,000. These staff services shall be provided from the regular Commission budget and
3 are subject to the limitations and other research responsibilities of the Commission.